

# Cross Party Group on Smoking & Health

## Meeting Minutes

### (Annual Meeting)

#### Meeting details:

- **What:** Cross Party Group On Smoking & Health, Chaired by John Griffiths MS
- **When:** 11.00 – 11.15, Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- **Where:** Teams meeting

**Purpose:** Annual meeting.

#### Attendees:

1. John Griffiths MS-Senedd (**Chair**)
2. Simon Scheeres- ASH Wales (**Secretary**)
3. Suzanne Cass- ASH Wales
4. Gemma Roberts- British Heart Foundation Cymru
5. Joseph Carter- Asthma and Lung UK
6. Helen Poole- Cardiff & Vale UHB (Smoking Cessation)
7. Andrew Bettridge (Support Staff, John Griffiths MS)
8. Rylan Doyle (Support Staff, Mike Hedges MS)

#### Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Election of Office Holders (Chair & Secretary).
3. In-person vote for Office Holders.
4. Accounts
5. Meeting summary of last CPG meeting (King's College London Research on E-cigarettes).
6. Upcoming meeting date/ upcoming CPG aims

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1. Simon Scheeres- ASH Wales (Secretary) relayed apologies:

**Apologies: Rhun ap Iorwerth MS, Mike Hedges MS, Delyth Jewell MS, Gethin Jones - Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, Nicolas Webb - Royal College of GPs, Judy Thomas - Community Pharmacy Wales, Greg Pycroft- Tenovus Cancer Care.**

2. Simon Scheeres- ASH Wales (Secretary) relayed the following email votes in favour of John Griffiths MS to remain as Chair; and for Simon Scheeres (ASH Wales) to take over from Julie Edwards (ASH Wales) as secretary.

In favour:

**Rhun ap Iorwerth MS**  
**Mike Hedges MS**  
**Delyth Jewell MS, Gethin Jones**  
**Gethin Jones - Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health**  
**Nicolas Webb - Royal College of GPs**  
**Judy Thomas - Community Pharmacy Wales**  
**Greg Pycroft- Tenovus Cancer Care.**

3. Simon Scheeres- ASH Wales (Secretary) asked for an in-person vote for Office Holders. The following were in favour of John Griffiths MS to remain as Chair, and for Simon Scheeres (ASH Wales) to become secretary.

In favour:

**John Griffiths MS-Senedd (Chair)**  
**Simon Scheeres- ASH Wales (Secretary)**  
**Suzanne Cass- ASH Wales**  
**Gemma Roberts- British Heart Foundation Cymru**  
**Joseph Carter- Asthma and Lung UK**  
**Helen Poole- Cardiff & Vale UHB (Smoking Cessation)**  
**Rylan Doyle (Support Staff, on behalf of Mike Hedges MS)**

4. Simon Scheeres (Secretary) relayed that the only costs incurred for the group were minor translation costs, which are covered by ASH Wales.

5. Simon Scheeres (Secretary) relayed the focus of the last meeting (independent report on vaping). Simon Scheeres relayed the report's key findings, and meeting attendees.

6. Simon Scheeres (Secretary) relayed that the next meeting will be scheduled before the Senedd summer recess, as this is when updates for the next TC strategy's delivery plan will be released (the next meeting's topic will be influenced by this update).

Simon Scheeres relayed that the CPG's continues to be a good platform to share and relay evidence.

Simon Scheeres relayed that ASH Wales plans to broaden cross-party support within the group, with a focus on additional members from Plaid Cymru.